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Art Unit: 1742 (Examiner M. Andrews)

Applicants: HOFFMAN et al.

Serial No: 09/852,866

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Title: METHOD OF PRODUCING A METALLIZED BRIQUETTE

Charlotte, North Carolina  
October 17, 2002

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action of July 30, 2002, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1 - 20 as follows:

1. (Amended) A process for making a metallized briquette, said process comprising:  
combining in a dry form iron bearing material, a reductant, and shredded cellulose fiber  
with

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